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From:

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Sent:

Saturday, January 30, 2010 10:55 AM

To:

Manager Department; Lauren Rosenzweig; Franny Osman

Subject: [Fwd: A request from TAC for next Selectmen's meeting]

Please put this item on the agenda for the BoS meeting on the 8th. It should go under 'Selectman's Business'.

Thank-you.

Paulina

----- Original Message -----

Subject: A request from TAC for next Selectmen's meeting

Date: Sat, 30 Jan 2010 00:31:14 -0500

From: frannyola@aol.com
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Hi, Paulina, I thought Mike and Lauren said the only upcoming meeting of BOS was on the 8th, so we intended to put in a request for the BOS approval for a grant TAC and Minute Van are seeking BOS approval on a grant application. Very short item. I can explain it in detail. Now I see there is a meeting on the 1st which would have been much, much preferable as the grant is due Feb. 9. Is it possible for TAC to talk to BOS for five minutes Monday the 1st?

Thanks for considering this.

Franny

Christine Joyce

From:

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Sent:

Wednesday, February 03, 2010 12:38 AM

To: Cc: Board of Selectmen Steve Ledoux

Subject:

Explanation of TAC request for grant application at Feb. 8 BOS meeting

Dear Paulina, Peter, Lauren, Terra, and Mike,

I have been living and breathing this present grant application to UMass for money that extends the work Mike and I and the rest of the Acton Team did at the Institute for Transportation Coordination in October. I am fully aware that if the BOS decides it does not want us to send out the application, I will have worked in vain. And that I could be sleeping now!

I feel confident that on Monday TAC will be able to allay any fears and make a case for applying for this simple grant. This grant includes its own overhead administrative costs in the budget, and it is for a regional Plan, not for any specific service. It aims to save money through regional coordination and efficiency. The work of creating the plan can be done by a hired planner, perhaps the same person who serves as our transportation coordinator. It is about 9 to 11 hours of work a week for 9 months. In any case, we will lay out the reasoning at the BOS meeting on Monday. But meanwhile, I wanted you to have the background information so you would understand what we are talking about. In the attached document, the last item is a copy of the cover letter I am sending to members of the regional team that went to that institute and to organizations that support people with disabilities as well as other stakeholders.

If you have any questions or want to talk to me before Monday's meeting, please let me know. If you would like to see a proposed budget for the grant, I can send it to you. I have been getting all advice elsewhere for this application so as not to take time from busy staff and BOS.

Thanks as always.

Franny Osman TAC